

BIBLE CHALLENGE - Believe

Why did God give the world his only Son?

What happens if we believe in God's only Son?

We will not _____

We will have _____

Just to be clear, who is God's only Son?!?

God sent his only Son into the world -

NOT to:

But that the world might be:

In what should we believe?

What do you think John is trying to say about Jesus in his discussion about darkness and light?

John 3.16-21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Jesus is LORD!

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Matthew 7.21-27 underline the word Lord

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Romans 10.1-13 underline the word Lord. Circle the word (saved)

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, **if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

1. 'Jesus Is Lord' is the first and *primary* confession.

Some important words:

- *Primary – the most important one*
- *Confession – also called a 'creed.' It is a statement spoken out loud of what you believe. Your **creed** influences your whole life.*

- ✝ When we say 'Jesus is Lord':
 - It is essential for our salvation.
 - It is Holy Spirit empowered. You can't say 'Jesus is Lord' without the Holy Spirit living in you. It is not by human effort or emotion that we say Jesus is Lord.
 - With your heart you believe and with your mouth you 'confess' (say out loud) that Jesus has risen bodily from the dead.
 - It is a public confession, not a private matter.

2. 'Jesus Is Lord' is a *radical* confession.

- ✝ Jesus is Lord. He is the **ONLY** Lord. The one true God.
NOT:
 - Other gods or religions
 - Yourself – your choices or desires, your life, your family, your friends, your reputation, your brand, your future
 - The government
- ✝ Jesus is Lord over all the spiritual forces in the heavenly realms
- ✝ Jesus is Lord over the universe and over time
- ✝ 'Jesus is Lord' is a direct challenge to all others who would claim lordship over your life in this world – including yourself

3. 'Jesus Is Lord' means nothing without full *obedience*.

- ✝ Full obedience is doing the will of the Father in heaven. If you refuse to do God's will, then you are refusing Jesus as Lord.
- ✝ You must submit to God's righteousness and God's will, in line with the Bible, and not decide what *you* think is right or good.
- ✝ Unless Jesus is your Lord, then all you do is as a 'worker of lawlessness.'

🙏 Think and pray –

Can you truly believe in your heart and say with your mouth:

*'I believe that Jesus rose bodily from the dead and I choose to surrender **my whole life** to Him.'*

If so, write your name and write your confession 'Jesus is Lord!'

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Look at the words in the song 'Jesus is Lord.' How many things does this song name over which Jesus is Lord? _____ Draw some things over which Jesus is Lord Draw Jesus as the Lord over all!

Over this moment over this season
Over this story Jesus is Lord
Over my family over my friendships
Over my neighbour Jesus is Lord

Over this body over this mission
And the Church He's building Jesus is Lord
Over our city over our nation
All generations Jesus is Lord

*Seated at the right hand of the Father
High and lifted up there is no other
Holy holy holy worthy is the Lamb
Now and forevermore Jesus is Lord*

Over depression over addiction
Over confusion Jesus is Lord
Over all sickness over our questions
No matter what happens Jesus is Lord

Over all idols and opinions
every angel every demon
Over sin and over death He is Lord
Over all powers and dominions
Principalities and kingdoms
In the flesh and in the spirit He's Lord

With all of heaven bowing down
Angels and elders crying out
Why wait when we can sing it now
You are Lord over us